(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of such teachers in such schools in South Travancore, their qualifications, and the classes engaged by them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) 9 such teachers are employed in private, and none in departmental, schools.

(*c*) (i) No.

(ii) The managers of the schools concerned made the appointments; but the department is insisting upon such teachers being replaced by duly qualified men as early as possible.

(*d*) The information required by the Member is given below :—

Qualification.	*No. of teachers.*	*Classes taught.*
Lower Secondary	5	I to IV
Special Upper Primary	1	I
Vernacular School Leaving	3	I & II

Improvement of the Attingal-Varkala and Chirayinkil-Venjaramood Traces.

174. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the necessity of improving the Dalavapuram (Attingal to Varkala) trace and Chirayinkil-Venjaramood trace ; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what action they have taken or propose to take towards the same?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Yes. The Chief Engineer has reported that the Dalavapuram trace consists of three sections, *viz.*,

(1) Kollampuzha to Nilakkamukku ... $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles

(2) Nilakkamukku to the Moongode Church landing ... $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles

(3) Moongode Church landing to Dalavapuram ... $\frac{3}{4}$ mile

and that the trace is now maintained with an annual grant of Rs. 10 a mile. He has recommended the improvement of the trace, section by section, and the necessary estimates are under preparation.

The Chirayinkil-Venjaramood trace is reported to be only a footpath. The Chief Engineer reports that an estimate is under preparation for improving the same.

Audit Report of the Ayurveda Pharmacy.

175. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*) : With reference to the audi report of the Ayurveda Pharmacy referred to in questions Nos. 2 and 157 asked by Mr. Changanachery K. Parameswaran Pillai at th meetings of the Council held on the 1st November, 1923 and 18t January, 1924, respectively, will the Government be pleased to state ;

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(*a*) whether the report will be laid on the table;

(*b*) whether they have passed any orders on that report;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether a copy of the orders will be laid on the table;

(*d*) when the report was submitted to the Government by the Financial Secretary; and

(*e*) if orders have not as yet been passed on the report, the reason for such long delay and why the Government have not bestowed any attention on this matter, even after a prominent member of the Council made interpellations on two occasions about it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The report is too unwieldy a document to be printed and laid on the table.

(*b*) and (*c*) Yes. A copy of the G. O. * is laid on the table.

(*d*) 17th February 1923.

(*e*) In view of the answer to part (*b*), this question does not arise.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിൽ ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ള റിപ്പോർട്ട് മെമ്പേർസിനു പരിശോധിക്കുന്നതിനു സൌകര്യമുണ്ടാക്കി കൊടുക്കാമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The report has not been printed as it is too voluminous. There is a manuscript here and there is no objection to show that to the member if he desires.

Transfers of Teachers.

176. **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): (*a*) In pursuance of the scheme to transfer teachers in Vernacular Schools, as far as possible, to their native villages, will the Government be pleased to state how many applications for transfer have been made by school-mistresses and how many have been granted out of the same?

(*b*) How many applications yet remain to be disposed of on the whole?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, caste by caste, of the appointments made by the Inspectress of Vernacular Schools for the Malabar years 1099 and 1100 with the qualifications of those appointed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) First part—753. Second part—241.

(*b*) All the 753 applications have been duly considered and disposed of for the time being. Those, however, of the 512 teachers for whom nothing can be done now will be considered again as opportunities occur.

(*c*) The statement† asked for by the Member is laid on the table

* *Vide* Appendix III—pages 620 and 621.

† *Vide* Appendix IV—page 622.

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Appendix III.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 175.**

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maha Raja of Travancore.

Read :—

Audit Report of the store accounts of the Government Ayurvedic Pharmacy in 1098 forwarded by the Account Officer with his letter No. I. N. 36/A/98/5449, dated 17-2-23.

(2) Letter R. O. C. No. 229 of 23/G. A., dated 3-3-23, to the Director of Ayurveda.

(3) Letter No. 2896, dated 29/31-9-98, from the Director of Ayurveda.

(4) Letter R. O. C. No. 229 of 23/G. A., dated 28-5-23 to the Account Officer.

(5) Letter No. I. N. 36/98, dated 17-7-23, from the Account Officer.

(6) Letter R. O. C. No. 229 of 23 G. A., dated 29-1-24, to the Director of Ayurveda.

(7) Letter No. 2801, dated 27-8-1099, from the Director of Ayurveda.

Read also:—

(8) The proceedings of the meeting of the Legislative Council held in January 1924 relating to the resolution of Mr. N. Ramakrishna Pillai recommending the appointment of a committee to enquire into the working of the Department of Ayurveda.

Order R. O. C. No. 229 of 23/G. A., dated, Trivandrum, 18th July 1924.

The audit of the accounts of the Ayurvedic Pharmacy was conducted by the Senior Assistant Account Officer in Vrischikam and Dhanu 1098 and the report thereon received on the 17th February 1923.

The two outstanding defects noticed in the course of the audit were (1) the purchase of raw materials required for the manufacture of medicines without auction and for widely divergent prices and (2) the non-maintenance of many accounts which the Account Officer considers necessary for avoiding possible frauds and leakages. He also suggested the maintenance of certain registers and forms as detailed in the audit report. The Director contends that the contract system for obtaining raw materials could not be resorted to as its introduction would be attended with great practical difficulties, owing to the large number and varieties of the crude drugs required for many of the preparations and owing to the difficulty of detecting adulteration, especially when supplies are made in large quantities.

In regard to the non-maintenance of the different registers and accounts referred to by the Account Officer, Mr. Sankara Menon explains that he is maintaining certain registers which, in his opinion,

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are sufficient for the purposes of the Pharmacy; that the registers and accounts suggested by the Account Officer are unsuited to a manufacturing institution like the Pharmacy which has to expend varying quantities of several drugs for a number of preparations every day; and that the maintenance of more elaborate accounts and registers would involve the employment of a disproportionate amount of clerical labour.

2. Government have carefully gone into the whole question. They observe that many of the defects noticed in the audit report are incidental to the working of a manufacturing concern like the Pharmacy and that, apart from the non-maintenance of certain registers and accounts based on the Account Code, it does not appear from the audit report that there were any serious irregularities or malpractices in the working of the institution. However, the trend of the discussion on the Ayurveda Pharmacy during the January Session of the Legislative Council was evidently against the continuance of the institution in its present magnitude. In view of this and of the circumstance that there are now private Ayurvedic Pharmacies engaged in the preparation and sale of medicines to the public, it is considered that the scope of the Government Ayurvedic Pharmacy may well be restricted to the preparation of medicines required for the Ayurveda Hospital in Trivandrum. Government direct that this be done with effect from 1st Chingom 1100.

3. A period of six months is allowed to the Director for clearing the stock of medicines now kept for sale in the selling department of the Pharmacy and for winding up the business so far as it relates to the preparation of medicines for sale to the public. The Director will send in a special report to Government at the end of this period.

4. Government are unable to accept the Director's objections to obtaining raw materials on the auction system. If different qualities of the same materials or drug are required for making different preparations, the quantity required under each variety can be specified and the supply of the required quantity possessing the required quality insisted on. Supply by contract should therefore be arranged for in accordance with the Store Rules dated 16-12-21, direct purchase being resorted to only for special reasons and with the previous sanction of Government.

5. Government consider that there is some force in the Director's contention that the maintenance of an elaborate system of account is not suited to a manufacturing institution like the Pharmacy. The Account Officer is therefore requested to devise a simple system of accounts for the use of institution in its restricted scope in consultation with the Director. It should be introduced with effect from the 1st Chingom 1100.

(By order)

R. KRISHNA PILLAI,

Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Director of Ayurveda, The Account Officer. The Press Room.

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